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SUBJ: DEMIREL PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PRIMIN DEMIREL, IN HIS FIFTH PRESS CONFERENCE SINCE BECOMING PRIMIN, COMMENTED JULY 10 ON CYPRUS, GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, THE AEGEAN AND THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT(DCA). FOR THE MOST PART, DEMIREL SIMPLY REITERATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS& BROKE NO NEW GROUND.

2. CYPRUS. DEMIREL STATED THAT THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS HAD BEEN FOUNDED AND NOW IT WAS " NECESSARY" FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO FORM THEIR OWN STATE SO THAT A BIFEDERAL STATE COULD BE ESTABLISHED. CONCERNING THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, DEMIREL SAID THAT ALTHOUGH "GREAT DIFFERENCES" REMAIN BETWEEN THE VIEWS OF THE PARTIES, HE REMAINED "HOPEFUL" THAT THE TALKS WOULD RESUME. HE SAID " WE ARE WAITING FOR THE UN SECGEN TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE."

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3. GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. DEMIREL RECOUNTED THE VARIOUS EXCHANGES OF NOTES AND MEETINGS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH OFFICIALS SINCE THE CARAMANLIS NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL. HE RESPONDED TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHEN THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE ANSWERED BY NOTING THAT THE GOT WAS STILL WAITING FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM THE GOG ABOUT THE PRUPOSE AND THE SCOPE OF THE PACT.

4. AEGEAN. DEMIREL STATED THAT " TURKEY MAINTAINS ITS DETERMINATION TO CONDUCT SEISMIC RESEARCH IN THE AEGEAN." ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT THE TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH SHIP SISMİK I, DEMIREL SAID THAT THE SHIP WOULD SAIL INTO THE AEGEAN, BUT DECLINED TO SPECIFY A DATE. HE NOTED THAT THE AEGEAN WAS " NOT ENTIRELY GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE AEGEAN IS OUTSIDE OF GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS." (NOTE: A TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION READIO BROADCAST AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL JULY 10 ANNOUNCED THAT THE SISMİK I HAD BEGUN SEA TRIALS IN THE MARMARA THIS DATE.)

5. DCA. ASKED IF THEGOT WOULD TAKE "MEASURES" IF THE DCA WERE NOT APPROVED BY THE US CONGRESS UNTIL AFTER THE US ELECTIONS, DEMIREL STATED "IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO KNOW WHEN THE DCA WILL BE PASSED BY THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. WE ARE HOPING THAT IT WILL BE PASSED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT IT BE PASSED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD. WHAT THIS REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME IS, IS A MATTER OF DISCRETION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT IS NECESSARY TO DO. IT IS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT, AND I DO NOT WANT TO DELVE INTO IT ANYMORE."
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